

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH LALOR PARK

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We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship



(Established 1961)

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

The Parish of St Bernadette's strives to be a vibrant, active, Catholic community, that is welcoming and nurturing to all and celebrates being a people of God, with Christ as the model.

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

23 APRIL 2023

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

In today's first reading, Peter proclaims that Jesus is Lord and messiah. The speech follows the pattern of early missionary preaching: an announcement of the arrival of the age of fulfillment; a summary of the ministry, death and resurrection of Jesus; recourse to the Old Testament, showing how Jesus fulfilled what it promised; and a call to repentance. During his ministry, Jesus himself appealed to the Jewish belief that the eschatological age of fulfillment would be inaugurated by miracles. Peter asserts that Jesus performed such works. Though he argues that both the Jewish and the Roman officials were responsible for Jesus' death, Peter insists that everything happened according to the plan and with the foreknowledge of God.

This psalm of confidence opens with a declaration of trust that God will protect the psalmist from danger and ultimately from death. The psalm speaks of a covenant relationship with God and the confidence that redounds from it. Two images characterise this relationship: land and cup. In the first, the blessings and promises customarily associated with land are now associated with the Lord. The second refers to the cup that is passed around from which all drink. This unifying cup is really the Lord. The psalmist's entire being is filled with confidence and gladness in the rescue that God has granted. Such confidence in God may appear to be foolhardy to some, but the psalmist's trust is unshakeable.

The author of 1 Peter looks carefully at the cost of redemption and the responsibilities that accompany it. He reminds his audience that God their 'father' will judge the members of his household according to the merit of their works. This points to the obligation that they have to live the new life in Christ with integrity. They have been ransomed from a futile way of living. The price of this ransom was neither gold nor silver, but the blood of Christ. The death of Christ was not merely a remedy for the state of human sinfulness. Though it was in God's plan from before the foundation of the world, it will be revealed fully in the final age. Thus Christians are exhorted to live with hope.

The report of the encounter with Christ on the road to Emmaus may be one of the best known resurrection stories. The disciples were probably returning from the celebration of Passover. At first they do not recognise Jesus. However, they are not reluctant to describe the events of the past few days, and to admit that they had considered Jesus the fulfillment of their messianic expectations. As Jesus shows how the Scriptures really pointed to him, their hearts burn within them. Their religious tradition was being interpreted for them in a new and exciting way. Finally, it is in the breaking of the bread that their eyes are opened, and they recognise Jesus. The revelatory unfolding is now complete.

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Lord, you will show us the path of life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia! Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Luke 24: 13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

MESSAGE FROM THE SYNOD PREPARATORY COMMISSION

**Diocese of Parramatta Synod
12 to 15 October 2023**

A Synod is an event where clergy, religious, and the laity gather to discuss important matters relating to the life and mission of the Church. But before the "main event" in October, there is a big process of collating feedback from as many people as possible. It's a big task, but an important one as we want to hear everyone's perspective on the future and life of our Church here in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains.

This is the first ever Synod for our Diocese, but it's not out of the blue. For the last few years, there have been many national and international Synods, as well as the Australian Plenary Council. And now it's time for us as a Diocese to come together and be part of this transformative process and event that leads to renewal in the Church's life.

So, how can you be involved? From May through to July, we will be hosting events or consultations to collect submissions. There will be regional Consultations hosted by your Deanery Pastoral Councils.

These listening sessions help to determine the agenda for the Diocesan Synod and will help to formulate 'action items' for the Synod to discuss and make decisions upon. These decisions are only for the Diocese of Parramatta.

Kindly attend, participate, share, listen, reflect and discuss. If not at the Deanery Consultation but in your own homes, workplaces, friendship circles and community groups.

By visiting our website:

www.parracatholic.org/synod2023, you can learn more about how to submit your thoughts and ideas, as well as apply to be a member of the Synod. There are also heaps of resources to help us co-create a culture of synodality, or "walking together" in our Diocese now and into the future.



THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA OFFICE OF SAFEGUARDING

If you or someone close to you has suffered any abuse by a representative of the Catholic Church (school, parish, other Catholic Groups) in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains we invite you to contact us. Our professional staff will listen to your experience, respect your confidentiality and discuss all available options. Phone (02) 9933 0233. Web: safeguarding@parra.catholic.org.au. For any complaints that may relate to criminal conduct we encourage you to contact NSW Police on 1800 333 000.

WELCOME

We especially welcome to our Christian faith community Hannah Ypilan who will be baptised this Sunday. Congratulations to her parents and family. May you have a joyous and blessed day.

VINNIES PANTRY



During the month of April, you are invited to donate **1 tin of Spaghetti and/or Baked Beans** to help Vinnies with their parcels for the needy. Thank you for your continued support.

Craft Stall

The craft ladies will be holding a stall on the 6th & 7th of May (the weekend before Mother's Day) after each Mass.



There will be many craft items for sale, including handmade cards, tea towels, scarves, beanies and much, much more.

Bring your cash with you.

Simon Carrington Presents: 'Sexual Desire: A Call To Love'

All young adults of the Parish are invited to a talk presented by Simon Carrington at St Patrick's Church, Blacktown on Thursday 27th April at 7:30pm. Doors will open at 6:30pm for fellowship.

Simon is a renowned speaker on chastity, relationships, sexuality and Theology of the Body.

He is the founder of Fire Up Ministries and has completed studies at both the University of Notre Dame, Australia and the Theology of the Body Institute, USA. Simon has been active in youth/young adults ministry for several years with a passionate focus on chastity, sexuality, apologetics, and Theology of the Body. Endorsed by Parousia Media, Simon has spoken to parishes and schools all over Sydney.

The talk is targeted towards those between the ages of 18-35, but all are welcome to join.

ANZAC DAY



Mass will be held on ANZAC Day, Tuesday 25th April, at 9:15am. Rosary and Adoration will take place before Mass from 8:30am.

Everyone is welcome to stay for a cuppa after Mass. A small plate of food to share would be greatly appreciated.

NOTE: Deacon Jerome will be away from April 24 to May 20 on annual leave.

Monday Night Bible Study

Come and join us on our Monthly Monday nights Bible Study for a deep dive into the scriptures set for proclamation on each Sunday from the churches' Lectionary. A typical bible study session includes: an opening prayer, a review of the Sunday Scripture Readings, followed by open discussion points and a closing prayer. All bible studies are free.

No registration is required: you can just contact one of the co-ordinators, either Patrick or Cyril, for information and let either one of them know of your interest to join the friendly group. All are Welcome. So why not bring a friend or a family member.

WHERE: St Bernadette's Parish Centre, 14 Wheeler Street, Lalor Park

TIME: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm

WHEN: Monday Night on 1 May 2023

For further information, contact PATRICK on 0416 240 298

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Mass for Virgen de Los Remedios & Sto. Cristo del Perdon

The Filipino Chaplaincy cordially invites you to join in the celebration of Holy Mass with a Rite of Blessing for the arrival of the images of Virgen de Los Remedios and Sto. Cristo del Perdon in Australia.

The Mass will be celebrated by Fr John Paul on Saturday 29th April at 11am at St Bernadette's.

You are welcome to stay after Mass for a light lunch.

The FaithFeed On The Move: 7 May

Have questions about life & faith? Join with others on the search at The FaithFeed live studio audience - hosted by Glenbrook in the Mountains Deanery - all are welcome! The FaithFeed will be on Sunday 7 May at the parish hall after the 6PM mass. Doors open 7:00PM for a 7:30PM start. The night will feature faith stories + live music + activities + great conversation. Book now:

<https://tinyurl.com/tffrego>

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Parents who have registered their children for Confirmation are reminded of the upcoming Meeting to be held on May 4 at 9:15 or 7:30pm in the Parish Meeting Room (under the Parish Centre).

Non attendance at this **ONLY** Meeting for Parents will be considered as a decision to withdraw from the Process or postpone it.

The Commitment Weekend will be Saturday, May 6 at the 6:00pm Mass **OR** Sunday May 7 at the 8:30am **OR** 10:00am Mass.

God Bless You

PARISH PRIVACY POLICY

Following proclamation of the Privacy Act 1988 (Cth) at the end of 2001, the parish has reviewed its records and methods for holding and collecting information about parishioners. A Privacy Policy has been developed and approved by the Parish Priest and Parish Pastoral Council, in accordance with Diocesan norms, and a copy can be obtained from the Parish Centre during office hours.

**CCD St Matthew's Gospel Series:
Starting 28 April**

CCD is hosting Dr Laurie Woods presenting A Study of St Matthew's Gospel - April 28; May 5, 12, 19 & 26. 10 am to 2pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. To book please email Maree Collis ccd.training@parrcatholic.org

**MET FaithLIFE Scripture Course:
Starting 2 May**

Want to learn more about different ways to pray? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on "Prayer" with Br Barry Donaghue, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three Tuesday: 2 + 9 + 16 May. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfarra.org.au/faithlife/>

MASS TIMES AND PARISH LITURGIES

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm,
Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

YOUTH MASS
6.00pm Vigil Mass on the 4th Saturday of the month

WEEKDAY MASSES
Monday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday @ 9.15am
(Rosary and Exposition before Mass @ 8.30am)
Wednesday evening @ 7:30pm

RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.45 - 10.15am & 4.30pm - 5.30pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat 8.30am—9.15am
Wednesday 6.30pm
(Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes & St Bernadette)
Sat: 4.30pm—5.30pm

BAPTISMS
At 11.30am by appointment only.
A Preparation Evening will be held before the Baptism for parents and godparents at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre on the 4th Tuesday of the month.

MARRIAGES & FUNERALS
By Appointment—Please contact Parish Office for details.

For the following sick parishioners, relatives and friends:

Tony Walsh, Victoria Herzig, Sandra McShane, Gwen Gunderson, Phoebe Mae Lasmarias, Ann Thompson, Sr M. Teresa, Glenn Mowbray, Julie Daly, Annette McKenzie, Brendan Doran, Paul Mowbray, Ivy Deguzman, Karan Moloney, Joe Calabria, Carmen Sammit, Margaret Duff, John Roch, Trish Mowbray, Ginette Sharrock, Professor Keith Kennet, Jossie Thompson, Neven Vuleta, Joseph Leslie, Angie Delara, Gerard Leslie, David Smythe, Jom & Andrew Cadman, Sue James, Myra Sessions, David Ward, Brian Sloane, David Williams, Nathan Weaver.

For our deceased brothers and sisters:

Recently deceased: Yvonne Anstee, Ellen D'Abreo

Anniversary: Bill McQueen

Deceased: Trevor Correy, Ailsia McDonald

Deceased members & benefactors of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

We pray for all those from St Bernadette's who have died.

May all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace and rise in glory.

ROSTERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND:

29th & 30th APRIL 2023

| Ministry | 6.00pm | 8.30am | 10.00am |
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| Altar Servers | Arielle McDonald Lucie McDonald | Justin Spiteri Andrew Spiteri | Anthony Pilayre Joshua Davison Liam Agius |
| Minister at the Altar | Fernando Gallegos | Francis Sultana | Jose Formosa |
| Minister of the Word | Ella Martinez © 1 Bernadette Nolan © 2 Kim McDonald © | Alex De Vega © 1 Judith Smith © 2 Lynne Tolhurst © | Josephine Baracz © 1 Thelma Islip © 2 Kate Fardouly © |
| Eucharistic Minister | Jessica Anderson | Catherine Peregrina | Sarah Key |
| Welcomer | Agius Family | Wendy Walsh | Rosa Watson |
| Music | Heard on High Choir | CDs - Eva Narajos | Parish Choir |
| Flowers | Vicki Sant | | |
| Counters | Tom Lara, Epay Lara & Orlando Abarca | | |
| Church Cleaners | | | |